

REMARKS

Claims 72-78, 82-84, and 104-108 were previously pending in this application. Claims 72, 73, 84, and 104 have been amended. As a result, claims 72-78, 82-84, and 104-108 are pending for examination, with claims 72 and 104 being independent claims.

Claims 72, 73, 84, and 104 have been amended to remove the term that the transfected somatic cells are "immortalized" somatic cells, a term that was introduced with Applicant's previous response of June 21, 2004.

Provisional Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection Over Claims of Application Serial No. 08/461,292 and Provisional and Actual Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection Over Claims of Later-filed Applications, now patents 6,048,729, 6,054,288, 6,303,379, and 6,692,737

Even though Applicant respectfully disagrees that the Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejections are appropriate over the later filed applications for all the reasons of record, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application Applicant encloses herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming term over co-pending application 08/461,292, as well as patents 6,048,729, 6,054,288, 6,303,379, and 6,692,737 (app. no. 09/549,200).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that any Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejections be withdrawn.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that the application is not currently in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

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